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## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

### **Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)**

#### **Opportunity for Designation in the Plainview, Texas, Area; Request for Comments on the Official Agency Servicing This Area.**

**AGENCY:** Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The designation of the official agency listed below will end on March 31, 2017.

We are asking persons or governmental agencies interested in providing official services in the areas presently served by this agency to submit an application for designation. In addition, we are asking for comments on the quality of services provided by the following designated agency: Plainview Grain Inspection and Weighing Service, Inc. (Plainview).

**DATE:** Applications and comments must be received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION DATE].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit applications and comments concerning this notice using any of the following methods:

- **Applying for Designation on the Internet:** Use FGISonline ([https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default\\_home\\_FGIS.aspx](https://fgis.gipsa.usda.gov/default_home_FGIS.aspx)) and then click on the Delegations/Designations and Export Registrations (DDR) link. You will need to obtain an FGISonline customer number and USDA eAuthentication username and password prior to applying.

- **Submit Comments Using the Internet:** Go to Regulations.gov  
(<http://www.regulations.gov>). Instructions for submitting and reading comments are detailed on the site.
- **Mail, Courier or Hand Delivery:** Jacob Thein, Compliance Officer, USDA, GIPSA, FGIS, QACD, 10383 North Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, MO 64153
- **Fax:** Jacob Thein, 816-872-1257
- **Email:** *FGIS.QACD@usda.gov*

All applications and comments will be available for public inspection at the office above during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(c)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacob Thein, 816-866-2223 or  
*FGIS.QACD@usda.gov*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 79(f) of the United States Grain Standards Act (USGSA) authorizes the Secretary to designate a qualified applicant to provide official services in a specified area after determining that the applicant is better able than any other applicant to provide such official services (7 U.S.C. 79 (f)). Under section 79(g) of the USGSA, designations of official agencies are effective for no longer than five years, unless terminated by the Secretary, and may be renewed according to the criteria and procedures prescribed in section 79(f) of the USGSA.

**Areas Open for Designation:**

*Plainview*

Pursuant to Section 79(f)(2) of the United States Grain Standards Act, the following geographic area in the State of Texas is assigned to this official agency.

## In Texas

Bounded on the north by the northern Deaf Smith County line east to U.S. Route 385; U.S. Route 385 south to FM 1062; FM 1062 east to State Route 217; State Route 217 east to Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River; Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River southeast to the Briscoe County line; the northern Briscoe County line; the northern Hall County line east to U.S. Route 287; U.S. Route 287 southeast to the eastern Hall County line south to the northern Cottle County line; the northern Cottle County line east to the northern Hardeman County line; bounded on the east by the eastern Hardeman and Fourd County lines to the northern Baylor and Archer County lines to the eastern Archer, Throckmorton, Shackelford, and Callahan County lines; bounded on the south by the southern Calahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Martin, and Andrews County lines; and bounded on the west by the western Andrews, Gaines, and Yoakum County lines; the northern Yoakum and Terry county lines; the western Lubbock County line; the western Hale County line north to FM 37; FM 37 west to U.S. Route 84; U.S. Route 84 northwest to FM 303; FM 303 north to U.S. Route 70; U.S. Route 70 west to the Lamb County line; the western and northern Lamb County lines; the western Castro County line; the southern Deaf Smith County line west to State Route 214; State Route 214 north to the northern Deaf Smith County line.

### **Opportunity for Designation**

Interested persons or governmental agencies may apply for designation to provide official services in the geographic areas specified above under the provisions of section 79(f) of the USGSA and 7 CFR §800.196. Designation in the specified geographic area in Texas is for the

period beginning April 1, 2017, to March 31, 2022. To apply for designation or to request more information, contact Jacob Thein at the address listed above.

### **Request for Comments**

We are publishing this notice to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the quality of services provided by the Plainview official agency. In the designation process, we are particularly interested in receiving comments citing reasons and pertinent data supporting or objecting to the designation of the applicant. Submit all comments to Jacob Thein at the above address or at *<http://www.regulations.gov>*.

We consider applications, comments, and other available information when determining which applicants will be designated.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 71-87k.

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